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Honorable Rick Lazio
House of Representatives
314 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Lazio:

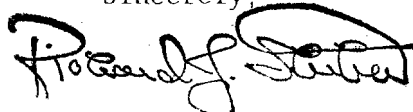
This is in reply to your letter of March 4, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Paul S. Roussillon, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
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The Honorable Alfred C. Sikes
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Sikes:

I have enclosed a copy of a letter sent to me by one of my constituents, Paul S. Roussillon of Hauppauge, New York.

Mr. Roussillon, along with many other model aircraft enthusiasts from my congressional district, has expressed concern about the proposal by the Federal Communications Commission to reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235.

I share my constituents concern that reductions in the frequency allotments for models may mean a greater threat to public safety. I would appreciate it if you could address the issues raised in Mr. Roussillon's letter and respond to me directly.

Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this matter.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Rick Lazio
Representative in Congress

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FROM: Congressman Lazio's office

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January 28, 1993

Hon. Richard Lazio
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

I am a lifelong modelmaker and enjoy building and operating radio controlled model airplanes, model boats and model cars. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property